

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, beneath the Title and before the "Technical Field" please insert the following the paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCES

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/889,914, filed November 5, 2001 (issued as U.S. Patent 6,680,370 on January 20, 2004) which is the national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/JP00/00413 filed January 27, 2000 which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on August 3, 2000 which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11/21543 filed January 29, 1999.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D shows a summary of the results of a motif search on Meg-4 by PSORT II (PSORT WWW Server, <http://psort.nibb.ac.jp:8800/>). The nucleotides bases of the DNA are indicated in such a manner so that the translation initiation position is becomes 1. The nucleotide sequence and amino acid sequence are described in SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2, respectively.

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